

1. The total number of Covid cases for this past week according to our MAVEN data was 36, down from last week's 46. Total number of cases reported to the BOH was 91 down from 104 last week. We had a positivity rating over the last 14 days of 8.87% down from 9.54% of last week. Plymouth County is at 8.36%, down from last week's 8.7%. State wide the positivity rate yesterday for the past 7 days was 7.73% down from the previous week of 8.34%. Statewide there are 70 individuals in ICU down from 79 of last week. 19 patients are intubated, down from 29 of last week. So declining numbers across the board as the weather gets nicer. The latest numbers from the MWRA show that the levels of Covid detected in wastewater is split, with Northern data up slightly and southern data down slightly. What does this all mean? Hopefully an easing of the recent Covid spike. Stay tuned. There are no state-wide mask mandates in place currently, although some communities are putting mask mandates in place for public buildings. We will continue to follow state guidelines for masking and any changes in requirements.

We are not done with COVID yet. Although it is only one week, the numbers are trending up. There is a new Omicron variant, BA-2 that is now the dominant strain in the US. At this point, being vaccinated is a much better defense than not being vaccinated, so please, if you have not yet gotten vaccinated and can receive the vaccine, we urge you to do so. Vaccinations and booster are widely available. Go to [mass.gov](https://mass.gov) for details.

2. Water update. The reservoir remained was even yesterday, the same as last week. Tack Factory pond was at +1.00" also the same as last week's measurement +1.00" last week. Average daily demand was at 1.669 mgpd, up slightly from 1.629 mgpd of last week's usage. Summer usage numbers have begun! Please do your part to conserve water as we enter the heavy water use season. Manganese measured at the WTP is at .245 which is high enough to cause discolored water but should not be much of an issue as the plant is still not producing large volumes of water. As the temperatures rise, so will the Manganese levels in the water. Rainfall over the last 7 days was .24" measured at the Plant.

A reminder that as of 5/1 the state required water restrictions are in place. These restrictions are issued by the state. All outdoor watering must occur before 9:00 am and after 5:00 pm. Automatic irrigation systems can be used one day per week as designated by the Scituate Water Division according to precinct. Information is available at [www.scituatema.gov/water-division](https://www.scituatema.gov/water-division)

3. With water updates and spring comes a proliferation of car wash fund raisers. Just a reminder to those planning a car wash, prior permission of the water department is required. Please contact the water department at 781-545-8735
4. The concession at the Widows Walk golf Course is open. The "Drift In" restaurant is being run by the owners of the Hibernian Tavern in Scituate Harbor. I know everyone is excited for the restaurant to open and start serving food and drink. They will be serving lunch and dinner to start, expanding to breakfast on the weekends. Go to [widowswalkgolf.com](https://widowswalkgolf.com) where additional details will be forthcoming. As a reminder, the restaurant is open to the general public, you don't have to play golf to go there.

5. We received a call from National Grid advising us that on Tuesday 6/7 between the hours of 8:30am and 2:30pm there will be a planned power outage on the following roads for “utility upgrades”.

- Booth Hill (west of 3A)
- Clapp Road (Booth Hill to Summer Street)
- Holly Crest Road
- Heritage Trail
- Studley Farm Road
- Bates Lane

National Grid advised me that all affected residents have been notified of this planned outage. As final preparations come together, there may also be road closures involved as they anticipate 12-15 trucks doing this utility upgrade project.

6. The Sanctuary at Herring Brook will be holding a lottery for the affordable housing units on August 8, 2022. A public information session will be held via Zoom on June 23, 2022 at 6:00 pm. Completed applications must be received at SEB Housing by 2:00 pm on July 25, 2022. This information will be posted on the town web site or you can go to [sebhousing.com](http://sebhousing.com) and click “Affordable Housing Opportunities” at the top of the page for more details.
7. The Town will again be offering several Internship opportunities this summer. [www.scituatema.gov](http://www.scituatema.gov) for details.

#### Forum 6.6.22 Superintendent Burkhead Update

##### **Health & Wellness Update:**

The total number of reported COVID-19 cases in our schools this week is 21. Down by more than half from last week at 43.

District	1 case
Cushing	2 cases
Gates	2 cases
Hatherly	2 cases
Jenkins	6 cases
SHS	8 cases
Wampatuck	0 cases

### **Graduation:**

I'd like to thank members of the school committee and select board chair Tony Vegnani for attending the graduation ceremony.

262 graduates

As a whole, this class has achieved academically, with over 90% of our seniors accepted to four-year colleges and universities. Their achievement is marked through Advanced Placement participation, with 182 seniors taking over 500 AP courses, multiple honor society inductions, and even local math team and national history bowl showings. We have seven graduates who will take their passion and interest a step further with their commitment to the armed forces after graduation, and who will dedicate their future to service and in protection of our freedoms and liberties.

Next **School Committee** meeting June 13, 2022

### **Last day of school June 27th- half day for students**

Celebrating for the first time **Juneteenth** on June 20th- no school - SPS will be one of the first and only school districts to be holding a Juneteenth celebration at the Gates Dining Commons from 1-2 pm.

### **Stream Catcher (A Universal, cost effective, water purifier)**

A group of 5th graders at Jenkins Elementary School participated in Bridgewater State University's annual Invention Convention. The students were tasked with researching, designing and building an invention that would help solve one of the United Nations sustainable development goals. The 5th graders developed a prototype called the "Stream Catcher," a universal, cost effective, portable, water purifier that is compatible with most water bottles. During the convention students presented their invention, did a live demonstration, and fielded some challenging questions for the audience. The Stream Catcher was awarded an honorable mention at the convention. Dylan Tracy, Owen Frankel, Marin